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Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM1083, which is an amendment to the committee amendments, AM0926, to LB 210. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Connealy, followed by Senators Engel and Bromm. Senator Connealy. Senator Connealy? Did you waive, Senator Connealy? Okay. Next speaker will be Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I know this particular issue came up, I think, in past years. And as far as a former insurance person, I think this is very, very important to clear the air on this particular issue, because so many people were...it was really kind of a gray area. And there was folks that thought they didn't have to have workmen's comp and then really they did need it, and others that thought they had it and didn't. So actually what this will do is just clarify the situation, so those...they'll know specifically who has to be covered...has to carry work comp to be covered under the law. Because so many people have been caught high and dry because of the ambiguities in it before. So I think this is very timely, and I certainly support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I really think Senator Baker's amendment is probably something that...an interpretation that would have been intended the way the bill had been written. I think what he's doing is okay. Because I think when we think about feeding or farming our family's land, or feeding our family's livestock, we don't think of that in the same sense that we do if we're hiring...if we're being hired to farm the land, or if we're being hired to feed someone else's livestock. You have family operations where you may have brothers, you may have sisters, you may have fathers who have the son take care of their land or their cattle or their hogs. So I think the amendment is okay. I will support the amendment. I don't think it's broadening it any more than what the original intent was.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Connealy.